

SEVEN JURORS IN THE BOX FOR TRIAL OF LIEUT. BECKER

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Becker and he smiled pityingly, shrugging his shoulders. He remarked that the mails would be full of such letters, written by men with feeble, diseased minds, before the trial was well under way.

BECKER HAS A TALK WITH HIS WIFE.

Before taking his seat beside his counsel, McIntyre, Lloyd Striker and George Whitman—a grizzled veteran and two youngsters who won their spurs in the office of the District Attorney as he did—Becker talked to his wife and his brother, John Becker. It was Mrs. Becker more than her husband who urged upon the lawyers for the defense to select big blue-eyed men to fill the jury box. This ruddy-cheeked, bright-eyed little woman believes in bigness as an active factor in fair-mindedness, and urges that men of heroic mould are not apt to look with favor upon the testimony of runty gangsters. She believes in her husband and his bigness and she believes in blue eyes as clear as glass to an open mind.

Even without the intrusion of any of the court-room was jammed with the men and reporters when the judge went to the bench. There were two hundred and thirty odd men left in the panel of 250 and one lone juror in the box.

PRISONER CAREFULLY DRESSED AS USUAL.

The prisoner was as freshly groomed and carefully dressed as he ever was on a day of police parade or inspection and he carried himself as pompously and importantly as if any dysfunctionary of the court.

During Clerk Finney's calling of the roll of names one got a good opportunity to observe Lieut. Becker in response. There is something in this policeman's profile that is reminiscent of the people Crutshank and Hogarth fancied to sketch. There is absolutely nothing but success in the policeman in the defendant while in repose. The casual eye would much more quickly pick him out as a schoolmaster or a man of similar sedentary and unexciting calling. His nose-glasses add to the severity of his countenance and complete the dignity of his carefully groomed exterior.

WHITMAN SETS A GUARD OVER HIS WITNESSES. District Attorney Whitman had all his witnesses brought to his office before the trial opened to-day and arranged to establish a guard for them while the Becker proceedings were on. Many of the witnesses, it is stated, have received threats, and the murder of Zellig has filled them with emotions akin to panic. Mr. Whitman assured them that they would all be protected and taken care of and that the threats they had received were 50 per cent bluff and had been uttered solely for the purpose of intimidating them. It will be arranged, though, to have each and every one of these witnesses for the people kept under surveillance by Mr. Whitman's men until the close of the murder trial.

With the resumption of the trial promptly at 10:30 o'clock, Robert C. Purcell, a manufacturing chemist of No. 250 West One Hundred and Seventy-first street, was called as the fifteenth witness to be examined. Purcell was the tenth man to declare he had formed an opinion about the Rosenthal murder, but he assured Mr. Whitman his ideas on Becker's guilt would not prevent him from fairly judging the facts adduced in evidence if he was chosen as a juror.

Mr. McIntyre went after the chemist on the theory of implied bias. Justice Goff stopped Becker's lawyer from reading off his list of gangmen to the taleman and made him frame a single question:

"Do you know any of the persons named in the list that has been read to you this morning?" The Court's ruling was for the purpose of shortening the examination of witnesses. Justice Goff has announced that a jury must be obtained this week.

MRS. BECKER GREETED BY HUSBAND WITH A SMILE. Mrs. Becker entered the courtroom from the anteroom adjoining the judge's chamber and took her seat in the little slot-like enclosure near the door. Becker turned and nodded and smiled and then indicated the taleman on the stand, whose appearance had evidently made a favorable impression on him. Mrs. Becker studied the man closely and nodded her approval. This while Mr. McIntyre was still asking questions.

A few minutes later the defense introduced the technical challenges of implied and actual bias, which were promptly overruled. Then McIntyre stepped over and consulted with Becker. The prisoner had shortly taken him. The Prosecutor was agreeable and Purcell was sworn as Juror No. 2. He is a big man, with a blonde mustache and brown hair, a fair ruddy skin and light gray eyes.

A slight acquaintance with Mr. Whitman, of counsel for Becker, excused William H. Perry, Juror in hats, of No. 250 West End avenue.

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